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THE TRIBULATION DAYS

By Mrs. S. P. Perkins

In the tribulation days,
After the rapture has taken place,
There will be awful pain and suffering
For the ones left here to face.

But now they will take no heed
To anything we can do or say.
The Bible they will not read,
Nor will they kneel and pray.

But, nevertheless, tribulation days
Are coming upon this old earth.
And oh! what pain and suffering
If you've not received the new birth!

So, dear sinner, won't you come
Lay down your heavy load of sin,
Clean up that life of yours
And let the Savior come in?

For the storms of life are raging;
The billows tossing high;
And sinners will soon be crying,
"Oh, Lord, save! Lest we die."

*"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee
from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world,
to try them that dwell upon the earth," Rev. 3:10.*

Notices

SPECIAL NOTICE

All evangelist certificates for 1942 were null and void January 1, 1943. If you have not sent in your certificate for renewal yet, you should do so immediately, as this is our final announcement concerning this matter.

Evangelists should send their certificates to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer.

Exhorters should send their certificates to their state overseers for renewal.

Bishops' and deacons' licenses are not to be renewed.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

SPECIAL NOTICE

About

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Workers Needed

The New England States are in need of some pastors and evangelists. In opening new works it is taking our evangelists off the field and leaving us without evangelists to go around to the already organized churches. Right now we have the opportunity of going into four new



In Memory of



NORRIS

Virgil Lee Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Norris, of Las Vegas, Nev., passed away January 13, 1943.—His aunt, Callie Anderson, Nashville, Tenn.

KENDALL

Our infant son, Billie Gene Kendall, was born Jan. 28, 1943, and went to be with Jesus Feb. 2, 1943. Pray for us.—Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Kendall, Morgantown, Miss.

KINSEY

Our dear Sister Alice Kinsey, a charter member of the Church of God at Berryton, Ga., was born May 29, 1866 and died Jan. 16, 1943. The church misses her presence.—S. W. Latimer, pastor.

YOHO

Brother Levi Yoho, who has been a member of the Church of God for eighteen years and a minister for ten years, passed to his reward Jan. 7, 1943. Brother Yoho had been a faithful member here at Moundsville for several years and will be missed by all who knew and learned to love him.

His funeral was conducted by his

fields with no one to send. Please won't someone come and help us out? If someone sees this and is willing to come, please send me your name and address, along with the name of your overseer.—Wm. F. Morris, overseer of New England States, 48 North St., Portland, Me.

I would like for two good middle-aged men who can play a guitar and violin to travel with me in the work in Southern Kentucky and Northern Tennessee; or a man and his wife who are singers and are on fire for God. I want to start traveling May 25.

I also want to buy a tent 40x60. I can pay \$100 down and if it is good and worth more I can pay \$20.00 a month and give a mortgage on the tent. We will divide the expenses into three parts. I have traveled 35,000 miles in ten years and have been preaching forty-six years. I have held street meetings in many towns and cities in Kentucky and Tennessee. I am seventy-seven years old and still want to go. I want to die on the battlefield for my Lord. If anyone is interested, write me soon.—George W. Harvey, Camp Taylor, Ky.

I praise God for the healing virtue which healed my body last Sunday when the brothers prayed for me. I praise Him for the Church of God which He has purged with His blood. I am saved, sanc-

pastor and writer and the body taken to Clarksburg to be laid beside his wife who preceded him in death.—R. A. Fielden, pastor, 12 Arlington Ave., Moundsville, W. Va.

RODGERS

Little Curtiss Ray Rodgers was born Jan. 13 and departed this life Jan. 15, 1943. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. William Rodgers.—G. W. Tingle, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

GODWIN

Mrs. M. J. C. Godwin, St. Stephens, S. C., slipped away to be with Jesus Jan. 24, 1943; age eighty-two years.—O. S. Lane, Leo, S. C.

ROBERTSON

In loving memory of my precious mother, Earlie Robertson, a faithful member of the Church of God at Enterprise, Ala., who went to be with Jesus January 18, 1943; age fifty years, one month and eight days. Please pray for her heartbroken family and that her children will be saved.—Her daughter, Myrtle Jordan, 313 Brantley St., Opp, Ala.

tified and filled with the Holy Ghost. As I am fixing to go out in the work for the Lord, if anyone feels led for me to help him in a meeting, write to Rev. Roy Douglas, Box 581, Greenville, S. C., or to me at 8 Stall St., Greenville, S. C.—John R. Martin.

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Two Stages of Christ's Coming

REV. G. H. BREWSTER

THE first will be when He comes in the air to translate the Church; the second is the time He comes to set up His kingdom on earth. There will be seven years between the two stages of His coming. That is the period called "Daniel's seventieth week." The Lord's coming for His Church is as follows: 1 Thess. 4:16, 17, "For the Lord himself shall descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Who will be taken at this stage? "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming," 1 Cor. 15:23. Four one-syllable words tell us exactly who will be taken, "They that are Christ's."

What will happen after the Church is caught up to meet the Lord in the air? The seven-year period will begin during which the antichrist will reign. At the end of this period the Lord will RETURN and set up His kingdom in Jerusalem. That will be the second stage of His coming. Zech. 14:4, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." Verses 8 and 9, "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, . . . And the Lord shall be king over all the earth." Verse 16, "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year, to worship the King, the Lord of hosts."

When we read of such events taking place when Christ returns, how utterly foolish it sounds for some to say that the second coming of Christ is the new birth or the believer's death or the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The second coming will be just as literal as was His first coming. We have absolute assurance that the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation remain unfulfilled and that they will be literally fulfilled.

Two Stages of Christ's Coming

It said that Israel would be scattered

among the nations, and that has been fulfilled. Lev. 26:32-42, "And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate: and your cities waste . . . If they shall confess their iniquity . . . Then will I remember my covenant."

The God that predicted the scattering of the children of Israel also predicted the regathering of Israel to her own land. That is being fulfilled before our eyes every day as rapidly as immigration restrictions will permit. The Jews are going back in unbelief today. They shall accept of their punishment for their iniquity.

Lev. 26:43-45, "Because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes. And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, . . . for I am the Lord their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the Lord."

Isaiah 43:5, 6, "Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth!"

The time known as the great tribulation will be a severe time for the people of Israel. During that time the greatest war in all history will take place. Rev. 9:16, "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them."

Two hundred million soldiers from all the nations will participate in that war. The dead toll will be one-third of the world's population. "By this was the third part of men killed," Rev. 9:18.

The decisive battle will be fought in Palestine on the plains of Esdraelon. This will be the battle of Armageddon. The deaths of the Jews will be twice that of the Gentiles.

Zech. 13:9, "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."

The remnant of Israel that will be

saved will be one-third of their population. In Romans 9:27 we are told that a remnant shall be saved.

God has not cast away His people. Elias made intercession before God against Israel, saying, "Lord, they have killed the prophets and digged down thine altars, and I am left alone and they seek my life," but the Lord had an answer ready for him. He said, "I have reserved unto myself seven thousand men who have not bowed their knees to Baal, even so that at this present time also there is a remnant of Israel according to the election of grace."

Every inhabitant of the earth during the great tribulation will be forced to wear the mark of the beast or be under a death sentence. No man is allowed to buy or sell save he that has the mark of the beast or the number of his name. If anyone worships the beast or his image or receives his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.

A problem arises here about those who do not take the mark of the beast. They will be doomed to starvation as they can neither buy nor sell, and those who receive the mark are eternally damned. But God has promised to save a remnant and He will intervene as He has done on many occasions. He will fulfill His promise if He has to change maps of the world or dethrone kings of the earth. Just as God supernaturally sustained Israel in the days of Moses for forty years, He will sustain them for three and a half years during the great tribulation period. Rev. 12:13, 14, "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

I believe that for three and a half years the Lord will sustain Israel with manna from heaven as He did in the days of Moses. The prayer for daily bread will be answered. The Holy Spirit has chosen words with absolute precision and I do not believe there is a superfluous word in the Scriptures, as recorded by the holy men of God upon whom the Spirit moved. The manna came down daily. It will be for daily bread that Israel will pray in the great tribulation. This prayer is recorded in Matt. 6:9-13.

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Baptized at Guadalcanal

Chaplain Wyeth Willard, with the U. S. Marines on Guadalcanal, wrote Rev. Edward E. Chapman, pastor of Brooklyn's Lefferts Park Baptist Church: "This is to notify you that one of your young men, Arthur Shepherd Tripp, of 1599 E. 54th St., Brooklyn, was baptized by me in the Lunga River, Guadalcanal, B. S. I., on Dec. 2, 1942. Arthur has had a real experience with the Lord, as have many other young men who have had battle experience. A week ago last Sunday, November 27, Arthur came forward with seventeen others in his group, and publicly professed Jesus Christ as his own personal Savior and Lord. He next applied for membership in the above church. The righthand of fellowship awaits the war's ending and a loving mother awaits also the boy who "never wanted to go to Sunday School or church."

Religion in Reverse

A group of Minneapolis ministers, having heard that interest was shown relative to religion among soldiers at Fort Snelling, expected to be invited to preach to the soldiers. "Instead the request was for the ministers to find opportunities for the soldiers to preach in the churches of the city." Four hundred officers of the Military Transportation Service Corps in training at Fort Snelling expressed a desire to appear in city churches for two or three-minute talks. Army trucks brought 400 officers and men to church. Brig. Gen. Carl R. Gray was the principal speaker at a huge evangelistic gathering at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Churches and saints are praying and God is answering prayer among military men of all branches.

Rev. J. B. Ellis

Spent two nights with the North Cleveland Church of God and spoke to us one night on "The Necessity of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." He emphasized the importance of this experience, which brought blessings to all present. Though aged and worn in his body, he preaches ably and is distinctly blessed of God in his messages. Churches which have an opportunity to hear these farewell messages should not miss hearing him. Great blessings can come to your church through a single ably and well-preached sermon, such as Brother

Ellis is capable of giving. May God bless and continue to use him. He is much loved and appreciated.

Russia

Dr. Guest tells of a church of Moscow in which he found a congregation of 1,500 standing (for no seats existed) for an hour and a half, packed as closely as in a subway at rush hour. Other churches in Moscow, he learned, were equally crowded. His view is that the Soviet Government has succeeded in destroying the grosser forms of superstition which were so rampant in the orthodox church, but that they have not destroyed religious belief.—C. U. Herald.

Hitler's Mistake

It is quite evident that the plans of Hitler call for a complete dismantling of the Church in Germany, at least his attacks against the Jews and the Church itself lead one to that conclusion. The other day I saw the picture of that great man Niemöller. As he stood there he looked like an eternal figure that had arisen to defend the personality of Jesus Christ. His being seemed to speak out with compassion and sympathy. It was incident to consecration to even think of this great hero. Can Hitler destroy the purposes of God? the prayers of Niemöller and the praying millions of earth today? Certainly not. All literature and reports indicate that God is hearing and answering prayer and as certain as there is a God upon whom Hitler made his attack before he revealed his terrible military philosophy, he is destined to utter confusion and defeat.

Pulpit Vacancies

There is everywhere a growing demand for someone to fill the vacancies of ministers who have been called into the armed services. In many places the layman has had to assume this responsibility. That God will provide leaders in answer to prayer, is indicated in these words: "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2. Vacancies of pastors should be carefully assumed by those who have not been divinely called to lead church services. However, anyone with a de-

sire to pray may conduct a prayer meeting.

God's Miracle

The deliverance of Mr. Rickenbacker and his party from death in the South Pacific has made a great impression on the public; however, the greatest impression, as it should be, was made upon those who constituted that party. Mr. Rickenbacker himself has not failed to give God the credit for their deliverance. Now Sergeant John T. Bartek is convinced that God intervened to rescue him after he was tossed on the ocean in a rubber boat for twenty-one days. He intends to become a minister after the war. Here is his own story: "Up to the time of that ordeal I had not thought much about going to church, but after what happened to me, I have decided to become a minister. I feel that I am a true believer."

Demands for Bible Increase

When men face the realities of an unknown future, they know of but one source to which to turn, and that is to God; therefore the demand for Bibles is incident to a desire to know about God. In 1941 the American Bible Society distributed 8,096,977 volumes of Scripture, the largest reported total since 1931 and 35% over 1940. The census bureau reports that 2,500,000 more Bibles, Testaments and parts of Bibles were published in 1939 than in 1937, in which year there were 5,579,137 Bibles, Testaments and part Bibles published, making a total of 7,947,848 Bibles, Testaments, etc., published in 1939. The same report of census reveals that books of fiction dropped off nearly 50% during the same period. Volumes of fiction in 1937 were 25,454,135 as against 13,511,181 in 1939. Thank God for that. Men are always helped when they turn from the unreal things to the realities of life. The Gideons have purchased 5,050,000 Bibles for the specific purpose of delivery to the armed forces in the U. S. Army. It is notably reported that in Germany the demand for Bibles has increased from 50% to 70% each year since 1934. It is also reported that 400,000 Scriptures have been distributed in destitute churches in France and Belgium. The American Bible Society has placed an order for 2,000,000 New Testaments especially prepared for soldiers, sailors and marines. To this number must be added another 2,000,000 New Testaments ordered by the Gideons for the armed forces. After science, philosophy and weird and pseudo political vagaries have had their say, it remains that the only dependable word of testimony is the Word of God. From it men gather hope, when from the standpoint of men "it is impossible."

Limited Predestination

By D. C. BARNES

(Continued from January 30 issue.)

If both of the extreme views of predestination are incorrect, then the scriptural view must be somewhere between the two. That absolutely NOTHING has been decreed to come to pass by an unchangeable purpose, but that the cause for all things is to be found in the things themselves, being unaffected by the external purpose and plan of God, is the extreme negative view called "absolute indeterminism." You may recall the inconsistency of this theory from the previous article. "That absolutely EVERYTHING has been decreed to come to pass by an unchangeable purpose, being from all eternity foreordained and predetermined by Divine Will" is the extreme positive view called "absolute predestination." The falsity of this theory was also given in the previous article.

As To Fact

There can be no argument against the fact that the Word of God teaches that the doctrine of predestination exists in some form. Rom. 8:29, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did PREDESTINATE to be conformed to the image of his Son." Eph. 1:11, "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being PREDESTINATED according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will." These verses declare that the plan of God contains a form of predestination. In each of the above scriptures the word "predestinate" comes from the Greek word "proorizo" meaning "to limit in advance" or "predetermine." In the face of such facts it would be useless to offer an argument against it.

The Next Question

Since predestination is a Bible doctrine, the next question follows by necessity. TO WHAT EXTENT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH THIS DOCTRINE? Well, there can be only the answer and a single moment of serious and searching thought will reveal that answer. If the EXTREME NEGATIVE VIEW of predestination is false, and the EXTREME POSITIVE VIEW of predestination is also false, then the truth inevitably lies between these two extremes. Consequently, any theory between the two extremes would necessarily be LIMITED, since it could not be "absolute" without being one of the "extremes."



Now, up to this point we have shown two facts: first, that the Bible teaches a form of PREDESTINATION, and, second, that the form of predestination which the Bible teaches is LIMITED; thus we have LIMITED PREDESTINATION. As to how limited this doctrine may be is a matter of degree, depending altogether on the position it occupies between the two extremes.

A Limitation

If predestination is limited, then it is necessarily confined to certain restrictions, thus a BOUNDARY is established over which the "things restricted" cannot affect nor pass unto the "things not restricted." We must conclude, therefore, that only SOME things are predetermined while other things are not, otherwise there would be no boundary. But there must be also a boundary if the doctrine is limited. And we know it is limited simply because the two extreme absolutes are unreasonable, nonscriptural, and impossible, as shown in the article of last week.

Procedure of Proof

Since the extent of predestination is limited, our next step is to discover the confines to which such limitations are restricted. In other words, let's find the "boundary line" dividing the limited and the unlimited. If this can be done, then a proper understanding of predestination is possible. To make sure that we commit no errors in our attempt to discover this boundary, we shall first look for the "indetermined," that part of God's plan which is not predestinated.

Individual Indeterminism

HERE IS THE FIRST OF A TWO-FOLD ARGUMENT: That part of God's plan which is not predestinated has to do with personal decisions and individual choice. That is, a person's destiny is not settled for him, but rather he, himself, settles it for himself. The future of the human soul is not predetermined by God at all, but is left to each and all individuals as a matter of personal selection and choice.

Cain

The first-born child gave unto the Lord an offering, not of blood, but of "his own works." For this reason God had no respect for Cain's offering. In response to being rejected he became angry and his countenance fell. "And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him," Gen. 4:6, 7.

Does not the above quotation prove that the destiny of Cain was left to his own discretion? Was he not allowed to choose between two alternatives when the Lord told him, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door"? There is certainly no predestination of choice included in this statement.

"And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him," said the Lord to Cain. Does this clause read like God was forcing Cain to be disobedient? You see, it was Cain who possessed the birthright for he was the first-born. Of course, it was possible to transfer the birthright by selling it to another, or to lose the birthright by misconduct (1 Chr. 5:1). Anyway, the Lord said, "Unto thee shall be his desire." In other words, the rights of the first-born would remain with Cain, the blessing and approval of God as desired by Abel would be given to Cain, and the Messianic line would be reckoned from him and his posterity. "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? . . . and thou shalt rule over him." It was God's perfect and divine will for Cain to secure the "first blessings" of the Lord, but because of the conduct of his own choice he was finally denied and rejected. Does that sound like everything is according to the will of God? It is evident that the way of Cain was contrary to God's will.

Any MAN

The plan of redemption was made for all. Opportunity for salvation is not limited to a "few men," but the scripture says ANY MAN. John 7:37b, 38, "If ANY MAN thirst, let him come . . . (Continued on page 14)

Dr. Dean Dutton Speaks at The Bible Training School



(Summary of the first section of the lecture **THE MAN OF GALILEE**, given by Dr. Dean Dutton at Bible Training School Sunday morning, January 31.)

Isaiah 53:3-5; Col. 1.

When the great ocean liners come into the port at New York, they never come in with their own pilot. They anchor outside and send a wireless in for an experienced pilot. Presently you see a tugboat chugging out to the ship. A rope ladder is thrown down to this boat and when the pilot comes up everybody stands back. This experienced pilot takes the wheel and guides the ship into the harbor.

Out there in the infinite immensity lies the great harbor of the universe. We are sailing towards that great harbor and we have been given a Pilot to lead us. We are to stand back and let Him take the wheel. I want you to see that Pilot in a new way so that you may have a different vision of the Man of Galilee.

The Man of Galilee did not begin in this life two thousand years ago, but He stepped out into this universe from an eternity of tremendous creative experience, as the symbol of God Himself. The Man of Galilee is not only a person, but He is a dynamic force. Christianity isn't just a religion; it is a dynamic force. Christianity is not an idea of formality, but a pulsing, throbbing power. That individual who is lost in the great embrace of Jesus is also a dynamic force. If you come completely under the spell of this great personality, you are in line with the greatest force of this universe. There may be people who have greater riches than you have, but if you are in touch with Jesus you are in touch with everything worthwhile and great.

So much has been made of glamor, excitement, vivid color, and other allurements in the world that when we take our place at the foot of the cross and give up the world and worldly things, we may feel that we are edging ourselves into almost nothing. We think we are endangering ourselves and going to things that are small, but when we edge down to humility we are headed

for the great thrills of the universe found in Christ Jesus. Instead of thinking you have come to nothing, you should hold up your chin, throw back your shoulders and make your way down the highway, for Jesus is the Pilot who will guide you into the infinite harbor of tomorrow.

In considering the Man of Galilee, we think first of His coming into the world, which was as beautiful as a symphony. When it was time for Him to come into the world, He did not come in a spectacular way. He could have come in a chariot of fire or on clouds of glory, but He spurned all of that. He chose to be born of a lovely woman who had by her side a man who was so considerate that he knew her not until she had given birth to this child who was to be called Jesus. Everything about the coming of the Man of Galilee was as beautiful as a symphony.

Second, He was as rugged as the mountains from whence He came. He was strong and worked on the mountain-side cutting down cedars and taking them to the carpenter shop where He worked. It was no weakling that could go out on the mountains and do these things. It was no ordinary man that could go into the places that He went. It was no weakling that could stand in the market place and speak to the throngs who followed Him while the Pharisees plotted with the Roman soldiers to take Him. He was a magnificent man. If you want a real setting for gentleness and kindness, put it in a rugged frame. Jesus was a broad-shouldered man; He was a sweaty-browed man; He was a child's kind of a man; He was a woman's kind of a man; He was a man's kind of a man; He was a man!

Third, Jesus climbed the heights of human rapture. Exquisite rapture is a normal thing for a soul that is perfectly in tune with the majesty of truth. Jesus was a magnificent illustration of that. He knew what it meant to be truthful and honest. No matter where Jesus was, it was a cathedral. He knew the riches of communion with God and frequently spent nights in prayer. There are twenty-seven references to the

prayer life of Jesus in the New Testament. In the depth of the heart of the Man of Galilee was the joy of a great power and a creative sympathy. He knew the rich experiences of life; His soul was ever ringing with touches of sublime rapture.

Fourth, the Man of Galilee experienced the depths of human anguish. He was a lonely man. He was homeless. He was poor. When the time came for His poll tax to be paid—the simplest of all taxes—He was broke. One of His disciples was sent to get the necessary money from the mouth of a fish. He was alone in Gethsemane, and you must remember that Jesus almost died there. There was such a pressure upon that heart that the blood oozed forth from the pores of His skin. You and I are ready to do almost anything and do it alone, but when we come to die we do not want to be alone. When the death dew is on our brow we want someone to hold our hand and soothe our brow and face death with us; but Jesus was alone in the Garden. He was alone when they mobbed Him, by friends forsaken, and betrayed by one who had professed to be His friend. His trial was absolutely unfair. He was mocked unmercifully. They started to smite His face but they could not stand to look into those loving eyes, so they blindfolded Him and even spit in His face. They scourged Him with a scourge made of thirty-nine green rawhide strips—there is nothing more cruel than rawhide. The soldiers beat Him with these until every blow must have brought forth many bleeding wounds. Then they brought the cross, but Jesus fell under the load and someone else carried it up the rugged, winding road to Calvary. They nailed Him to the cross and dropped it with a thud into the hole. Hours passed and fever began to develop. When He thirsted they offered Him vinegar mixed with bitterness—who ever heard of vinegar to quench thirst? The last thing He heard was the cry of His mother; and with His last bit of strength He cried, "Take care of my mother." The last thing He saw was the Roman soldiers quarrelling over His

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Articles By Students of Northwestern Bible and Music Academy

Dear Evangel Readers: You have not heard from us for some time but that does not by any means denote that we are idle, but quite the contrary. God has blessed us richly from His great storehouse and we have enjoyed feasting together on the manna from heaven. Our souls have not only been enriched but God has supplied our needs here at school along material lines also. The people of the great Northwest love our Bible School and support it with their means as the Lord prospers them. Two porks, one-half beef, fifty quarts of canned goods, besides enough potatoes for the school's use thus far, have been donated. The school has purchased a new Maytag washing machine for the Girls' Dormitory, which has been a great asset.

We are proud of our school and although it is small in number we have great times together and have several advantages over the larger schools. We are together as one happy family and our lives are enriched by the fellowship that we have with one another. This is my graduating year and every year seems a landmark in my life of greater importance, and the memories that I'll carry with me of Bible School days will be an asset to me in my Christian pathway as a worker in His vineyard.—Georgeina Maginel, Seattle, Washington.

As a student of Northwest Bible and Music Academy, I'm glad to be able to say that the Lord is still blessing us and has been blessing us in the past weeks of revival meeting. Brother Selness, of Rugby, North Dakota, conducted this series of meetings and God truly did bless us. Ten souls were saved and five were gloriously filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Each morning at our chapel service Brother Selness spoke to the students on various subjects which were of help and encouragement. Some days we were so engrossed in

thought that we ran overtime. During our school hours it was not uncommon to hear of an afternoon devoted to prayer when the Holy Spirit had His way and classes were disbanded for the day.

I'm sure I can say for all the students that Bible School has been a great help and blessing to us. This is the second year I have attended and it was here that I was saved and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is a place where we can get better acquainted with the Lord and enjoy the fellowship of Christian young people. Many of us students are consecrating our lives more fully and are preparing to go out in the Lord's work as soon as school is out. We desire your prayers.—A servant of His, Lenora Stephan, Tolstoy, South Dakota.

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As a member of the Northwestern Bible and Music Academy, I wish to express my gratitude for what the school means to me. It has been a great spiritual uplift. In my past two years, I have enjoyed the fellowship of God very greatly. We have just had a month's revival, and God blessed. In addition to this we have had good chapel services every morning. The Spirit of God is what we expect, but we find that not only is God with us but looks after us and supplies our physical needs by the help from the outside people. By this we mean that people not in the school help us greatly. We are made to enjoy our term much more, by the liberal contributions from the people.

Our school is a training station for people of God's army. We see that our country needs trained men to fight the battles of our great nation, so we find that God needs men and women who are trained to carry on His great work. I just wish to say that at Bible School we learn to become soldiers for God.—A soldier in His service, Frank A. Washek, Lewistown, Montana.

We had about twelve visiting ministers, all in perfect fellowship, for God blessed. Every one preached a sermonette, anointed by the Holy Ghost. God took charge. There was shouting, dancing and everybody feasting from the Master's table. The Starkville quartet sang a special, which was enjoyed. Brother Webb brought the closing message with a double portion of the Spirit. At the close an offering of twenty dollars was taken.—Mrs. A. H. Wallace, 1405 12th Ave, N.

District Fellowship Meeting
COLUMBUS, Miss.—Our district fellowship meeting convened at Columbus Church of God under the direction of our district overseer, Rev. S. B. Webb. A number of visitors expressed it as one of the best fellowship meetings they ever attended. It had been carefully planned. The few saints met at the church at the old-fashioned altar and prayed time after time for the sweet Holy Ghost to take charge. We were wonderfully blessed.

God Blessing Richmond, Va., District

Since coming to the Richmond district last Assembly, God has blessed in many ways, for which we are glad and thankful. Each minister on the district seems to be filled with a spirit of zeal and enthusiasm for God and His cause. There have been several successful revivals and one new church set in order and good prospects for three or four more in the near future. We have held two district Y.P.E. and Sunday School rallies, which proved a great blessing to all in attendance. The spiritual tide ran high; many souls shouted and danced in the Spirit, speaking in tongues and glorifying God. A liberal offering was given for the cause of missions and the orphans home.

Any good evangelist full of wisdom and the Holy Ghost and wanting to do something for God, come to the Richmond district in Virginia and we will stand by you. The harvest here is great but the laborers are few. Come over and help us. Anyone having friends or loved ones working in defense plants or in the armed forces in or near Richmond, please send me their names and addresses and I will be glad to call on them.—Rev. A. W. Brummett, district overseer, 103 E. 31st St., Richmond, Va., phone 7-2569.

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An Open Door

By CARL T. WILLIAMS

MY dear friends everywhere, at this present time it gives me great pleasure to write just these few words in behalf of this subject. You have taken notice of the theme. You will find the text that I shall use in the book of Revelation, the third chapter and eighth verse. It reads like this: "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

In these last days we can behold the door of the Church of God standing open to all classes of people. I am so happy that one day I came to that door. At that time I was lost in sin. I found that I was outside of that door looking in; but now I am glad to say that I am inside looking out. I am sure that all of God's people feel the same way. We who are born again, by the Holy Spirit of God, have a great zeal to do something for the Master. A question comes to my mind, "What can we do to win the lost to Christ?" I am made happy to say that there are many ways to work for God. Ever since man fell, God has had some people who have given their lives for the gospel. We read about Nero and how he had the people put to death who did what God had commanded them to do.

We, the people of God, have a great opportunity to do something for the Master in these days when the evil forces are like mad demons. We can see the Church doors open to whosoever will and, my dear Christian friends, I am glad that we can help God to down evil and sin. This is a great key. When a young convert starts out in the gospel work, he feels like the Lord has called him to come and do what He has commanded us to do. The first and the greatest step is prayer. When we fail to pray to God, our ministry is a failure, but if we put a lot of time in prayer, it gives us power to win the battle. We are fighting against the forces of sin, and it will take more prayer and seeking the face of God. We can look up to heaven and say, "Thank God forever; He is with us. He will be with us even unto the end of the world." In these last days it seems like it is getting harder all the time. It seems that the forces of the evil powers are very strong, but I am glad to say that Jesus can help His people at all times. No matter what the devil may try to do, if we are in the hands of God, we can rest in peace and

say, "Glory to the Lamb of God, I am safe when I put my trust in a God who has all power. The God of heaven has more power than the devil." When we feel like there is no hope, we can say, "I will lift up my eyes toward the heavens, from there comes my help."

I am so happy because we can know what God can do for His people. Just think, my dear friends, we were lost in the deeper depths of sin. We heard the voice of God speak to our hearts. It makes me feel like shouting for joy. Now we who are saved from the life of sin, and are made happy, it is our time to get on the job for God. There are many lost souls slipping through our fingers and landing in everlasting hell. Oh, I wish we could see the need of the lost at this moment. Now stop and think, and say to yourself, "What am I doing for the lost? Am I doing what God has called me to do? Who are the workers? and how can we tell that God has called us in service for Him?" My dear friends, I want to say, that every one whom God has saved from the life of sin, has a responsibility hanging on his shoulders. I mean every one of us who has Christ in our hearts. Somebody may say, "We all cannot preach; we all cannot sing, or lead the song service." No, we all cannot do one thing, but I am glad to say that every one of us has something to do to help win the lost. Everything your hands find to do, do it with all your might. I made up my mind, my dear friends, that I was going to do all that I could for God if it kills the devil! After God has heard my prayer and healed me, as far as He has, praise His holy name, I mean to give my complete life for the gospel and God. We may get in a place where we think that there

is no use, but another thought comes to me, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Sometimes sickness may strike our bodies overnight, but there is One who cares. When our bodies are full of pain, there is One who cares about it. I wrote a song some time ago, entitled "JESUS ALWAYS CARES." Yes, Jesus cares for us and watches over us day by day. He keeps us happy all of the way.

The harvest is here and the laborers are few. I wish all of us who have Jesus in our hearts could see the need of the gospel field. It is now time to do something for God. The night is coming when no man can work. My dear friends, it is high time for us to awake out of sleep, and shake ourselves, and begin doing more for the Master. God is looking for a people who are not afraid of anything. What I mean, not afraid! Those who can point their finger in the devil's face and mean business for God. A door of opportunity is now open to all who are saved by the mighty power of God.

As soon as we came to Christ, we had a zeal to do something to help someone else to come and receive what we d.d. Let me drop this thought in, and I know you will say the same, that we all have a hand in this work, and we all are working for the same Lord and Master. If we are failing to do what we should for the Lord, let us start right now, and say to ourselves, "I am going to do more this year than ever before in my whole life." My friends, I want to be able to do more for the Lord than ever before, and I do ask for every child of God to pray that God will help me to be a greater blessing to the lost. I mean to keep on the battlefield for the Master until my work is completed, and when I come to the end of my journey, I want to hear my Savior say, "Well done. You have done your best. You have fought a good fight. You have finished your course. Come now to your everlasting home which I have now ready for you."

Life's Contrary Winds

LEONARD JONES

Text: Matt. 14:24, "But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary."

AFTER the five thousand men, besides women and children, had been fed from the five loaves and two fishes, Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship and go before Him unto the other side while He sent the multitudes away. After His disciples left Him, Jesus went up into a mountain for prayer.

No doubt, while Jesus was at prayer the disciples were rejoicing for they had just been feasting with the Master and they probably didn't seem to have thought much of leaving Jesus behind them. But when we leave Jesus behind, we will certainly find trouble, and the scene that took place while the disciples were on their voyage across the sea, is a perfect type of today.

We see the disciples as the storm sud-

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Adorning

By MYRTLE WHITEHEAD

A DORN," to render beautiful, ornament, decorate, beautify. I think this is a very important text for us to think of in this evil day in which we are living. People in these days more especially are spending much time and money to adorn themselves with jewelry, fine clothes, etc., and we very often hear compliments on men and women who are well dressed and how they select colors and styles which suit their type. All this is for the adorning of the body, to appear beautiful and attractive to the world. I think God's children should be dressed the nicest and neatest of any people in the world. By doing so we can adorn God's doctrine, for our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost and we should want to be an ornament God will be pleased with.

The text says, "Adorn . . . in all things," and that includes our way of dressing as well as other things. Do we dress in a way to adorn the doctrine we preach? 1 Peter 3:3,4, is a good pattern for us. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

The outward adorning may shine and look beautiful to the natural eye, but

Psa. 149:4 says, "He will beautify the *"Adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things,"* Titus 2:10.

meek with salvation." We can't label ourselves "holy people" and dress like the world and live like the world. If Christian people would always keep in mind God's doctrine and strive to adorn it, there would be very little use of having any disciplinary measure to enforce modesty and humility in our churches today.

"Adorn the doctrine . . . in all things." Does the life we live daily adorn the doctrine? The Word says we must be born again. Do we live a life according to 2 Cor. 5:17, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new?"

How about sanctification? Do we adorn this part of God's doctrine? Or do we "fly off the handle," as some call it, when things seem to go wrong; "puff up" when we don't get to have our way all the time; turn red in the face, say ugly things to those who mistreat us? Or do we have that meek, quiet spirit and hidden man of the heart, which in the sight of God is of great price?

Oh, it means something to make beautiful this wonderful doctrine of our God. Are we a part of the material which will adorn the Church, make it shine that people may see it as a city on a hill that cannot be hid? Let's adorn God's doctrine so He may say when we have finished our career on earth, "Come, my children, live in the mansion I have prepared for you, for you have adorned my doctrine in all things."

to the conclusion that their morale is the greatest in the world today and bordering the 100 per cent mark.

Now our problem is—How to cheer up the folks at home and elevate the civilian morale. WHY? Your letters are not full of the old tang, or as eager as those of two years ago. You speak of fears about our losing this war and longing for our return.

Let your minds span the history back to Plymouth Rock. Since that time we have never lost a war and most assuredly we WILL NOT lose this one. There isn't a man in uniform, who salutes Old Glory at the close of each day, who would be willing to return home until the world of today is purged from the war-crazed, demon-possessed people who have caused the present catastrophe of world-wide conflict.

We hear the clamoring today on all hands, "Give US a second front." Look at the 9th verse, "Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished?" meaning, "Forget your fears and rash opinions; you have leaders, accept their guidance with confidence, and be patient."

Every day our news reports tell us that a new strike is started. This, my friends, means another blow in favor of the enemy, and without any cost to him. What if our first settlers or forefathers had called a strike and quit? or Washington's men had decided to strike at the edge of the Delaware? Even the thought of it proved to be so un-American that it was an utter impossibility, and should be even moreso today.

I am sure that if some of our silent warriors could only return and see our slackers, labor agitators, draft-dodgers, and rumor mongers, they would immediately follow the Master's example by not only applying the whip but by ostracizing them from the last inch of American soil.

Let us accept the 13th verse and "arise and thresh," not only a few hours a day but every second of time that the powers that be allow us. It takes approximately eight men on the home front to keep one man equipped and qualified for action. Here we see it takes eight minutes of work for a soldier to be able to fight one. Thus the loss of eight seconds means the equivalent of 64 to the man behind the gun.

By delving into the realms of the science of mathematics we find that one million seconds equal eleven and one-half days, or one billion seconds equal thirty-one years; therefore we cannot lose even a second until the echo of the last shot passes into oblivion and we receive the fulfilment of the Judean message, "PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN."

Arise and Thresh

By AVIATION CADET ALBERT D. HALL

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it . . . and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore . . . and none shall make them afraid . . . Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? . . . Now also many nations are gathered against thee . . . But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. Arise and thresh . . . for I will make thy born iron, and I will make

thy hoofs brass: and thou shall beat in pieces many people. . ."

THE above extracts were taken from the fourth chapter of Micah, and I believe they are highly applicable to the following remarks which I would like to be able to embed in the minds of every United States citizen.

Today we hear quite a lot of talk concerning the morale of our armed forces. Our newspapers and magazines are continually printing articles and speakers are constantly broadcasting speeches and programs to encourage our sailors and soldiers. This is all well and good, but after being stationed in Army camps in six different sections of the United States and being in daily contact with thousands of soldiers from every state in the Union, I have come

Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they should be signed.

Pray For

Mrs. Delilah Talley; the healing of my body.—Alfred Talley, 2015 24th St., North Birmingham, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Rev. D. C. Weddle, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

The Lord to undertake for a friend.—Miss Martha Toole, 721 S. Court St., Montgomery, Ala.

The healing of my little boy who is very sick.—Carl Selby, Tyronza, Ark.

Mrs. Turner who has a tumor on the brain to be healed; Mrs. Colwell who is afflicted with paralysis to be healed; Kizzie Weatherington, Lipton, Ga., who has been afflicted twenty-one years to be healed.—Sister Nellie Smith, Rt. 2, Box 9, Homerville, Ga.

The Lord to heal my baby and sister of severe colds and coughs.—Mrs. H. E. Hines, Rt. 1, Leighton, Ala.

The healing of my brother who has sugar diabetes.—Mrs. Romie Scroggins, Sylacauga, Ala.

My sister-in-law who is very ill with dropsy to be healed, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Her name is Mrs. J. O. Petrie. Unspoken request.—Mrs. Alice Cobb, 227 E. Polk St., Chillicothe, Mo.

My healing as I am sick in the hospital.—Pvt. John D. Gallion, Jr., Station Hospital, Ward D-14, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Me to be healed of indigestion, also my shoulder and arm which I hurt about three months ago; my husband to be healed and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Pearl Branom, Rt. 5, Lamar St., Rome, Ga.

Me to be healed of something like cancer, I am almost helpless now. Encouraging letters will be appreciated.—Mrs. Mae Helton, Rt. 3, Baxley, Ga.

The healing of my afflicted body.—Mrs. James Young, Rt. 4, Fairfield, Ill.

The Lord to heal my sister's baby of eczema on his face and body.—Mrs. Leo Soloman, Rt. 1, Fairfield, Ill.

The healing of my body of eczema.—LeRoy A. DeWitt, Howland, Maine.

My afflicted body to be healed and that I may receive the Holy Ghost; my three children, husband, brother, mother and father; my sister-in-law to be healed.—Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Rt. 1, Strawberry, Ark.

An urgent unspoken request.—Mamie McGuire, Smyre Station, Gastonia, N.C.

My wife to be healed of scaly eczema.—J. U. Nabors, Box 162, Houston, Miss.

My husband and me; my father and stepmother.—Mrs. Newton Calvin Meadows, Seffner, Fla.

A friend of mine who has a bad leg; my sister-in-law; my mother and dad.—Mrs. Arlie Patrick, Rt. 1, Terry, Miss.

The healing of my body, I have arthritis in my arms.—Mrs. T. F. Johnson, 2417 Hibbard St., Greensboro, N. C.

The Lord to heal my daughter of fits; her baby to be healed of a breaking out and the colic; my body to be strengthened.—Mrs. O. H. Howe, Roslin, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—James Summie, Alcoa, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my body; Sister McMillie.—Mrs. Martha Skeens, McConnell, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Miss Mabel Andrews, Oakman, Ga.

The Lord to help and protect me while in the army.—William Grover Stone, Oakman, Ga.

The Lord to heal my sides.—Bland Sank, Valdosta, Ga.

The Lord to fill me with the Holy Ghost, I am a Church of God member but am in the armed forces in a non-combatant unit. I will appreciate letters from my brothers and sisters in Christ.—Corp. Guy Hamilton, Hq. Det. 1st Med. Sq., Ft. Bliss Tex.

God to heal my soul and body.—Mrs. Sue Mae Gregory, Clinton, S. C.

My son to be healed and saved, he has such a hurting in his chest he can hardly sleep; me to be healed of something like a crick in the right side of my neck, stomach trouble and high blood pressure.—Sallie Bailey, Higden, Ark.

God to heal me of kidney trouble; my hearing to be restored.—Mrs. Bessie Fink, Rt. 2, Box 249, Princeton, W. Va.

Our family, we are all weak in body and have bad colds; pray a special prayer for my baby.—Marion Allen, Rt. 1, Sinai, Ky.

My father to be healed of stomach trouble and his soul to be saved; my husband to be healed of some kind of leg trouble.—Mrs. Virlie James, 304 S. Franklin St., Blytheville, Ark.

The complete and permanent healing of a saint in Central Michigan; a very special unspoken request.—A saint of God, E. L.

The healing of my stomach of ulcer.—Hersie Wilson, Hiawassee, Ga.

My husband's mother who is seriously ill.—Mrs. Willie Smith, Rt. 4, Dalton, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. H. M. Hunt, Box 15, Wapato, Wash.

The Lord to heal my body, my back has me down again, also my left lung is sore.—M. A. Tate, East Beckley, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of kidney trouble, sinus trouble and a skin trouble.—R. A. Gage.

My son who is in the army and sick, to be healed; the Lord to answer his prayer, D. V.; my health to be restored.—Mrs. Susie Laircey, 112 N. Main St., Statesboro, Ga.

The Lord to undertake for my neighbor and sister-in-law, Ila V. Pitts.—Mrs. Lillie Flanagan, Rt. 1, Box 135, Clarksburg, W. Va.

My eyesight to be restored; the complete healing and strengthening of my body, I have been in bed three months.—Sister Sallay Wayne, Rt. 1, Garfield, Ga.

The Lord to heal my sore limb of varicose veins, I have been in the hospital for general infection of the body (Continued on page 15)

Miami District Convention

The Miami, Fla., district convention of Jan. 3rd at Ft. Lauderdale has come and gone and leaves on the sands of time an account of a holy convocation permeated with the essentials needed for the edifying of the saints. Our district overseer, Rev. L. R. Alderman, arranged and moderated the program that was full enough to keep all at tiptoe pitch of interest, and flexible enough to allow the intervention of the Holy Ghost at all times.

The speakers included each minister of the district, our state overseer, Rev. John C. Jernigan, and our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. R. P. Johnson. Each sermon was the best, or that is the way we felt about it as we listened, for each speaker was inspired by a listening and receptive congregation and by the Great Preacher Himself.

The pastors' reports were not lengthy as no time was needed for excuses. All the reports summed up to this: Every department of the church functioning. All financial obligations up to date. All church property free of debt. Souls are being blessed. Praise God for victories of the past. We are now fighting for greater victories in the future. Enough said.

We think the above makes a good convention. What do you think?—D. L. Lemons.

Blessed Spiritually and Financially

I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing our church, spiritually and financially. Brother A. G. Kennington was sent here from the Assembly to be our pastor. Since that date we have paid off a lumber bill and bought a new stove for our church. We put our state program over by the first Sunday in November.

We have only thirty-eight members, but the Lord is in our midst at Beasley Chapel, Tenn. We surely have some faithful members. Our pastor has taken such great interest in our Sunday School and Y.P.E. We feel that he has been a great encouragement to our church and surroundings. Pray for us at Beasley Chapel.—Mrs. A. J. Tucker, Alamo, Tenn.

People Are Getting Salvation at Sesser

SESSER, Ill.—I belong to the Church of God at Sesser, Ill. Brother Oran White is our pastor and he is a wonderful man of God. He is preaching the Bible, which we all need to know more about. He and his wife are doing a wonderful work for the Lord. Young people are receiving the Holy Ghost and people are being added to the church. Pray for us, that we will do greater things for the Lord. Let

us work while there is yet time to work.

God wonderfully delivered our family from what could have been a horrible death. The Sunday before Christmas we were coming from Sunday School and church. The roads were icy and our car slid sideways, turned around, the back tires hit a bridge banister and the car overturned into a deep ditch. There was some water, and the two boys, baby and I got wet almost to our waists. We were all uninjured with the exception of a slight bump or two. Just before we hit, my husband prayed quickly to God to help us and truly He answered his prayer. Praise our mighty God. I love the Lord and truly want to do His will.

I have a very special request on my heart now that I desire Christians everywhere to help me pray for, and God's will be done and not mine. Pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Roy Lambert.

Good Church at Haze Chapel

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—Truly I praise the Lord for what He means to us. He has blessed our home wonderfully. We have eight children and four of them are living for the Lord. About six years ago I fasted and prayed two days and a half for my husband and the Lord

gloriously saved him. We have the Holy Ghost and are in the Church of God. We have a good church here at Haze Chapel, also Sunday School and Y.P.E. We praise God for our pastor, Brother Austin Garner, and family. Pray for my unsaved children.—Mrs. Jacie Jones.

Enjoy Working on Letcher District

NEON, Ky.—We wish to say we enjoy the work here at the Neon church; also, the church at Seco is getting along well. We enjoy working with those saints, too. This is our first year to pastor on the Letcher district. Brother A. W. Hall, our district overseer, surely has the work at heart; he gives, as far as I know, all the churches good attention.

On the last night of December, 1942, we had a watch meeting. The Lord surely blessed our souls. One of the messengers for this service was Brother Eugene Patrick, who was home on a visit from B. T. S. at Sevierville, Tenn. The church is moving on. We are working on the program and mean to reach the top, by the help of the Lord and prayer and work.—George L. Cravens, pastor.

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NEWS FROM PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Oregon is moving ahead for God and the revival fire is burning. Rev. H. W. White, district pastor of Oregon, is battling real hard for the gospel and the Church of God. A new work at St. John's, a suburb of Portland, has been started and the Holy Spirit is blessing and moving in a gracious way. A good attendance has been experienced and a sizeable Sunday School was out for the first Sunday. Brother White is certainly a God-fearing, zealous minister of the gospel and is continually reaching out into new fields. We feel the greatest year ever is ahead for God's Church in the Pacific Northwest.

Wanted!

Any God-fearing, Holy-Ghost-filled, zealous, Spirit-led man who will preach the gospel, defend the truth, pray for the sick and fish for men, to come to the great harvest field in the Pacific Northwest. The Church of God has a ripe opportunity for pioneering and advancement in this evergreen kingdom. Lots of backbone and fortitude, courage and compassion are necessary requirements. Come on, you preachers who want new fields; opportunity is knocking. The Pacific Northwest needs you, God's Church needs you, and we all invite you to "come over and help us."—Evangelist Bruce Hughes.

Have Much To Praise God For

EQUALITY, Ill.—I surely praise God for His healing power. Some time ago I wrote in for prayer and thanks for the anointed handkerchief you sent to me. The Lord touched my body and healed it and since that time He healed my little grandson. I have so much to praise the Lord for. Pray that I will get stronger in the Lord. Pray for our pastor; she is a real woman of God.—Pearl McCaughan.

God Has Done Wonderful Things for Us

LEBANON, Ohio—I am a member of the Church of God. I have a precious boy who has been called to the army. I ask you saints to pray for God to save him and bring him back to the fold. He was saved when he was real small and received the Holy Ghost, but strayed away. Now he surely needs the blessing. Pray that in some way I won't have to stay away from him long. My little girl was healed of T.B. through your prayers and I was healed of gallstones, so please

remember my requests. Remember my other sons who aren't saved, also my unsaved daughters.

God has done wonderful things in my home and I am still trusting and holding to His unchanging hand. I get the Evangel each week and get much comfort and encouragement out of it.—Mrs. E. J. Johnson, 520 E. Main St.

Healed

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—I praise God for His healing power. He kept me from suffering and healed a sore knot which came in my breast. I asked the Lord to remove it and He healed me. I can't praise Him enough.—Elizabeth Cantrell.

It Pays To Hold On to God

MONROE, N. C.—I praise my blessed Redeemer for His wonderful love and many blessings to us. Last year we were living in the country and had no way of attending church and Sunday School. My heart grew hungry to be in the services and my boys begged to go to church, for I had reared them to go to church and Sunday School. It hurt me to hear them beg to go to church and I had no way to carry them. I began talking to my heavenly Father about it. I requested prayer and fasted and prayed. The Lord gave my husband work here in Monroe and we moved to town and started to Sunday School and church regularly. We really appreciate the good Church of God. Husband began to pay his tithes and the Lord began blessing us physically and spiritually. It pays to hold on to God; He will answer by and by. I also thank Him for healing my children of an awful kidney trouble.—Mrs. R. B. Montgomery, 312 Crowell St.

Looking For Jesus' Return

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise God for salvation and the Holy Ghost—that wonderful gift He sent us from heaven to comfort, guide and teach us. Oh, I am so glad for the Holy Ghost, praise His name. Words just can't express it. I thank Him for His healing power and that I can trust Him with my body.

One night I awoke thinking of how I would like to warn people to get closer to God. Professing Christians, Church of God members, let us not see how close we can cling to the world and get by, but let us see how far away from the things of the world we can get so we can have the blessings of God in our lives. Let us come out from among them

and be a separate people and have His smile of approval on our lives. The world loves its own. If the world loves us then we must be of the world. Jesus said we were in the world but not of the world. Bless His holy name! I find the closer I get to my Lord the more I feel like a stranger in this world below. Jesus is coming soon. Let us lay aside every weight and put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand. I am looking for Him. I want to be ready, don't you? Pray for me that I will be true to my Lord and be a blessing to some soul.—Sister Lottie Thomas, 1115 Joseph St.

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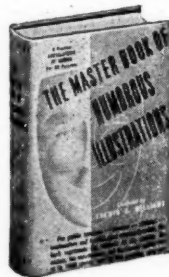
BISBEE, Ariz.—In sending a note of praise I would like first of all to thank the Lord for salvation, sanctification and the Holy Ghost. Too, I praise Him for His healing power. Praise the Lord! I have known what it means to say the Lord has healed my body. Being unable to walk for nine months, through the fervent prayers of many righteous people and the divine answer from God I am getting normal use of my body again.

I praise the Lord also for our new pastor, Brother R. C. Ogle, and his family. He surely is a great worker for the Lord. In the six weeks he has been here with us our Sunday School attendance has increased more than two hundred fifty per cent, our regular service attendance has more than doubled, the tithes of the church have doubled. We have also a weekly radio program each Sunday morning from 8:30-9:00 over station KSUN, Lowell, Ariz., which is paid up two weeks in advance. We need your support in prayer.—Hurschel Diffie, Box 725.

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Revivals of Interest

WARRENVILLE, S. C.—We closed a revival here Sunday night, Nov. 8, which was a great success. Rev. G. L. Waters did the preaching. God's power came down in the old-fashioned way. Fifteen were saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church, for which we thank the Lord.

We thank God for the people of Warrentville whom we have learned to love. I have never seen a better group of people to work with in all my ministry. God is wonderfully blessing us in our efforts. Brother Waters is a real evangelist and was a blessing to our church and won the favor of the people.—W. C. King, pastor, Box 147.

ALLISONIA, Va. — We have just closed a three weeks' revival, our pastor doing the preaching. Seven were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, one added to the church and the church greatly revived. Pray for us that we will ever be in the Lord's will.—Mrs. H. L. Gravely, clerk.

SUMMERVILLE, Ga.—We have had a successful revival with Evangelist L. O. Peck, of Rome, Ga., doing the preaching. Twenty-one were saved, twelve sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and three baptized in water. Every message was inspiring and very timely and proved a great blessing to the church. The church has been greatly blessed and helped and many new people attended the services. The work here at Summerville is only two years old and about two hundred new people were reached who had never previously attended the church. I feel that anyone would do well to secure these workers for a revival in their church. Both are consecrated to the Lord and Brother Peck preached the old-fashioned gospel with power. We covet the prayers of all for the work here at Summerville.—L. C. Caldwell, pastor, Box 345.

WADESBORO, N. C.—We are glad to report that we have just concluded a two weeks' meeting here and that the church was surely blessed with the presence of the Lord. There were times that the waves of glory rolled over the souls of the congregation one after another.

Five were saved, four sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Gertrude Newman, of Kennedy, Ala., conducted the meeting. We are happy to say she is one of the best evangelists who

ever conducted a meeting for the writer. Sister Newman is a good preacher and a good worker for the Lord and is loved by all here as a real soldier of the cross.

On the last night of the meeting the church and friends of the church took an offering and raised enough money for a suit of clothes for the pastor. Truly these are some of the Lord's finest people. Pray for the work here that it may grow and glow for the cause of our Savior Christ Jesus.—Frank Petrucelli, pastor.

BLUEFIELD, Va. — We have just closed a seventeen-day revival here at Bluefield, with Rev. J. L. Dorman doing the preaching. Brother Dorman is a wonderful preacher. God blessed. Five were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. The Bluefield church is on an upward trend. Praise God! The Y.P.E. won the state banner for November and the Sunday School has gained from an average of about forty-two to eighty-five. The tithes have increased from about \$68.00 to \$156.00 in three months. God has blessed with an addition to the parsonage. Many are looking this way. Some of the best people in the world can be found at Bluefield. Remember us in your prayers.—W. I. Bass, pastor, Box 463.

MARKED TREE, Ark.—Services began Jan. 3 with Z. J. Barber doing the preaching, continued by our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Oscar L. May, for two weeks. Then our district superintendent, Floyd L. Ramsey, preached the remaining two weeks. Results: Reorganizing of the Y.P.E. with twenty-four members, five saved, two sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. We are continuing the meeting by means of cottage prayer meetings each night. We desire your prayers for the Church of God at Trumann, Ark.—Nadyne Clouse.

ENID, Okla.—The Lord is still for His people. We closed a revival Jan. 17 with Brother Godfrey and Brother Thomas doing the preaching. They are both God-sent men. Ten were saved, nine sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we give God all the glory. His Word will not return unto Him void. Pray much for us and His service.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stowers, pastor and wife.

HIGHLANDS, N. C.—We had a glorious revival at Cashiers, N. C., with ten saved, six sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The services were in charge of Brothers George Webb and A. P. Harris, the music and singing by Clarence Webb and Eugene McCall. This is a new place and we have good hopes of getting a Church of God here soon. The people are very interested. We are looking forward to a greater revival soon. We have service each Sunday night in an old store building. We ask you to pray for our success. Anyone is welcome to come and worship with us.—Mrs. George Webb.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn.—We thank God for His goodness today. We have just closed a three weeks' revival here. The Lord blessed wonderfully. We could feel His good presence in every service. Sister Bessie Jones did the preaching, except two messages which Brother J. D. Wilson, of the Eighth Avenue Knoxville church, preached. He brought his good singers with him, and, oh, how we did enjoy the good singing. Right here I want to say that there was some shouting in it, too. Praise God. Surely Sister Jones was at her best. Every message was enjoyed. We truly enjoyed Brother Wilson's good preaching. We had good attendance. Sometimes the house would not accommodate the people. The church was wonderfully encouraged and built up. Nine were saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. Several were renewed. We had many good brothers and sisters from other churches to visit our revival and we enjoyed their visits with us. The last Sunday of the meeting we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing and the presence of the Lord was wonderful. My, how the saints did shout and praise God! Please pray for the church at Morristown.—Baxter Bryant, pastor.

OLUSTEE, Fla.—Shortly after the Assembly Sister Frances L. Dekle came our way and conducted a revival here. Some say it was the best here in some time, which shows mark of the good spirit Brother Stokes left here of last year's labor. Four were saved, four sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost, as best we can account for.

Sister Dekle also conducted a short series of meetings at the Turner church and many were blessed by the services. We consider her a good evangelist.—Rev. Daniel J. Cupp, pastor.

No man can work the work of God until God has worked for him a work which he cannot work for himself.

LIMITED PREDESTINATION

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unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." If any man desires salvation he may receive the same. God has not destined a designated number to be saved. The person who thinks so cannot believe in the "universal grace of God." It so happens that the advocates of "individual predestination" do not sponsor a program of foreign missions on account of their disbelief in the universality of God's grace. Such an idea is quite contrary to Jesus' command, "Go ye into ALL THE WORLD and preach the gospel to EVERY CREATURE."

Whosoever Will

Because of the fact that Jesus asked His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, we must conclude that salvation is a free gift of God to all who believe on Jesus Christ. If it is impossible for some to believe, why did Jesus specify "every creature"?

Listen to John tell about the "universal salvation for every creature." Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let HIM THAT HEARETH say, Come. And let HIM THAT IS ATHIRST come. And WHOSOEVER WILL, let him take the water of life freely." Thanks be to God, it doesn't say whosoever has been predestinated, but "whosoever will." That means YOU, brother, if you WILL; that means EVERY CREATURE if he WILL. To say that the individual will has nothing to do with individual redemption is to say that John was not inspired to write the book of Revelation.

The Will of God

All right, reader, just what is the will of God as to the number He would have saved? Peter settles this question once and for all time. Turn to 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE."

Just a minute, sir, don't get mad and run off. You nor I neither one is responsible for these words, so let's maintain our self-control. Now here: if the Word of God says that the Lord is not willing that any should perish, why should we be so dogmatic and unreasonable as to say that it is His will for some to go to hell? This verse plainly states that it is NOT the Lord's will for ANY to perish.

Jesus said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13:3. Now, Mr. Absolute Predestinationist, if you

contend that God's will forces some to perish, then you must also admit that God's will forbids some to repent. But is not your position rather precarious in the face of Peter's statement? Does not the same verse in 2 Peter say that it is God's will that ALL should come to repentance. "The Lord is * * * * * not willing that any should perish but that ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE." In other words, it is God's will for everyone to repent and be saved.

Oh, but preacher, have you forgotten that the word "all" does not mean "all" every time, but just "all of whatever it is talking about"? Yes, friend, I understand about the meaning of the word "all," but has it not occurred to you that this verse is against you just anyway you interpret it? It says that it is the Lord's will that "ALL should come to repentance." All of whom? All who have not repented, of course. Everyone who has repented has salvation and everyone who has not repented is certainly out of the will of God, therefore, it must necessarily be the will of God for all to repent and that none should perish.

The Boundary

Well, I believe we can agree that some things are not absolutely predetermined; namely, THE PERSONAL SELECTION AND CHOICE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN REGARD TO THE SALVATION OR CONDEMNATION OF ANY HUMAN SOUL. God has provided mankind with intelligence, conscience, and free will, by which he may pilot his own soul from this earthly shore to the one that is heavenly. The doctrine of predestination is limited inasmuch as it does not include all things.

It must not be forgotten, however, that the same boundary which *excludes* certain things, must by necessity *include* other things. That which the doctrine of predestination does include is the second phase of my twofold argument which will be treated in the third article of this series in the Evangel. I regret that I have had to extend this subject, but it is either to do that or not explain it at all—and I prefer explaining it. I hope you will profit in some way by these words.

LIFE'S CONTRARY WINDS

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denly breaks its way upon them. I suppose they were aware of the approaching storm, even as we are of the storm of tribulation that will present itself upon this nation soon. It is said that when the eagle sees an approaching storm, she begins to pick the dead feathers from her wings and prepares to fly above the storm. So we have a glorious opportunity to escape the tribulation if

we will take heed to the prophet Isaiah's words (Isa. 26:20), "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."

Today when we see the lightning flashing and hear the thunder rolling, we know that there is danger. Neither are we blind to the fact that we can continually see God's signposts pointing and giving us the information that the end of time is near at our doors.

These precious disciples of Jesus were caught on the ocean trying to brave their way to the other side. Not only did the storm arise to give them trouble, but the winds were also contrary.

It was a contrary spirit that caused the fall of Adam from his holy estate and caused other well-noted Bible characters to seem to err. It was a contrary spirit that caused Paul to be placed in jail, but about midnight he could sing. Thank God for men of courage that could sing at the darkest hour. Can we do that today?

It takes the curtains of darkness to bring out the brightest glow of the beautiful stars, so it may take great tribulations to bring some people to God. Even the Roman walls of imprisonment couldn't shake Paul's hope or ambition, for he said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:14.

I believe that the disciples were pressing against a contrary wind and when their hope was almost gone we find in the fourth watch of the night that there is a new character also on the sea. Jesus came to rescue His disciples from the storm and we know that He will rescue us also. The sea in this scene is a good type of time and we are just vessels sailing the sea of time. Some vessels may be large or small, swift or slow, but somewhere our life's career will end and may it be said unto us as Jesus said unto Peter when Peter said, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water," and He said, "Come." There wasn't only a call for Peter to come, but He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light," Matt. 11:28-30.

Sometimes there are personal invitations, but let us take heed to the blessed Lamb of God who gave Himself for us; He who gave His back to the smiters and His cheeks to them that plucked out the hair. Let us listen not only to a personal but to a universal call that has echoed and re-echoed through the

ages of time when He said, "Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely," and when this life's darkest night has turned into eternity's fairest day, let us think of the scripture, "For lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone," then all storms of life will be over and life's contrary winds will forever cease.

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raiment. No wonder nature rebelled at this awful scene. Friends, no matter where you wind your weary way, though the path be rough and thorny, remember that if you look closely you will see the footprints of that Man of Galilee. Nothing will be so bitter and hard but what He will be able to succor you.

Fifth, this Man of Galilee is the master of every situation. He was never at a loss to know what to do. He is master of disease, of death, of every problem. Everything becomes a servant at His feet. All the unsolved problems in government, society, labor, and everywhere can find a solution only in Him.

Sixth, this Jesus is the heart throb of the master passion—friendship. Great experiences are centered about friendships and Jesus came as the source of that great heart throb. We need to be mellow and tender and bear the cross and do things for Jesus' sake that go against our nature which we very much prefer not to do. The way of the cross and sacrifice is the center of Christianity. When we do as we please we grow soft and fail to develop that strong character. Bearing the cross for Christ keeps the selfishness drained out and pours into our soul the humility that is required to sacrifice for Jesus. Back of the cross and swallowed up by the cross is companionship with the Lord Jesus. Remember, He has everything to bring to you in the friendship; no more interesting personality will you ever find. You will never find a love sweeter and more wonderful than the great love of Jesus that He brings to you. He is so versatile that everything He brings to you is of interest. He is the Bread of Life to sustain you; He is the Water of Life keeping you always refreshed and growing and blooming; He is the Door. The enemy can't get to you because you are in the sheepfold. He is the height and depth and length and breadth of everything. Bring to Him all that you think is so important and lay it beside His all. You must remember that the Creator is an infinite engineer—not a sentimental, emotional religionist. When you tie with God, you are tying with the Infinite. He is the great

infinite source of the sublime beauties of nature. He is greater than the fountain of all literature, greater than the greatest of music and art because He is the source of it all. Nature is shot through with everything that is great and marvelous. You lay your all at the feet of Jesus, and He brings all of God to you, and you are headed for every highway to beauty and greatness.

I close by emphasizing to you that if you come completely under the spell and touch of this great Jesus, the joy that is yours, the peace that is yours, and the great thoughts that are yours make you such an interesting person that people will see Him in you. His coming was as beautiful as a symphony. He was as rugged as the mountains from whence He came; He climbed all the heights of human rapture; He experienced all the depths of human anguish; He was master of every situation; He was the heart throb of the master passion.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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and I am asking your prayers for my healing.—Mrs. C. L. Bassham, Goody, Ky.

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The healing of a cripple girl.—Ernestine Lloyd, Crewe, Va.

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The healing of an elderly lady who is paralyzed.—Mrs. E. D. Forman, Gen. Del., Delhi, La.

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Rev. J. R. Murray who has blood poison in his hand to be healed, he isn't doing well.—Mrs. J. R. Murray, Rt. A, Poplarville, Miss.

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The healing of my body; my nephew to be healed; Sister Virnie Parker to be healed. — Elizabeth McDaniel, Dillon, S. C.

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My mother who is growing worse with low blood pressure and heart trouble, to be healed.—Mrs. T. R. Tadlock, Rt. 2, Box 120, Leland, Miss.

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The healing of my body; my little girl's head to be healed, it is in a serious condition.—Mrs. Jessie Ray, Rt. 1, Piedmont, Ala.

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Our dear pastor whose body is afflicted, to be healed.—Bettie Mae Berrier, Lexington, N. C.

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My baby to be healed of bronchial pneumonia.—Mrs. Etna Presson, Norman, Okla.

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Sister Ettie Silkwood, Ardmore, Okla., to be healed of something like heart dropsy; Uncle Bill Williams, Ardmore,

Okla., who is very ill with cancer of the stomach and liver, to be saved and healed, he is seventy-nine years old.—Mrs. Oda Allgood, Rt. 3, Stilwell, Okla.

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The Lord to heal me of appendicitis; Brother Jerry Bradley's little boy who is crippled to be healed, Brother Bradley also needs your prayers; my mother to be healed.—Miss Gertrude Christine Webb, Highlands, N. C.

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My brother, Dr. C. R. Price, who is in the Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne, Ind., with a broken hip, to be healed.—Lewis M. Price, Rt. 1, Butler, Ind.

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D. E. Weddle, of Uhrichsville, Ohio, is in a very serious condition and requests prayer of all the saints everywhere.—E. W. Williams, state overseer of Ohio.

Two Stages of Christ's Coming

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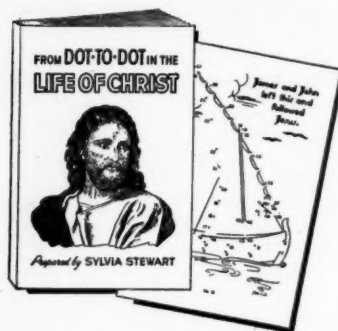
This scripture has other applications, however, but it fits in the plight of Israel during the great tribulation for daily bread. The Church is not praying for the kingdom to come but is looking for the Bridegroom. During the millennium the redeemed of the Church age will occupy the throne of Christ and rule the earthly kingdom. The Jews will be in the midst of the nations round about.

Today apostate Israel, in the energy of the flesh, is trying to gain the land that God promised to Abraham and his seed. Gen. 15:18. Jacob will wrestle during the entire night of the great tribulation, wanting the blessing that God has promised to him. He will still try to take it in energy of the flesh. When the Lord returns to end the great tribulation, there will be a national repentance of Israel. A nation will be born in a day.

Paul's conversion was a type of the conversion of the Jewish nation. Paul was not converted by any man's preaching but by the personal appearance of the Son of God. So when the Lord returns in glory, the Jews will look upon Him whom they pierced and the nation will be instantaneously converted. Satan, the archforce of the human race, is safely chained in the bottomless pit. The Jews have accepted their Messiah. All creation is in harmony with the Creator. The day breaketh.

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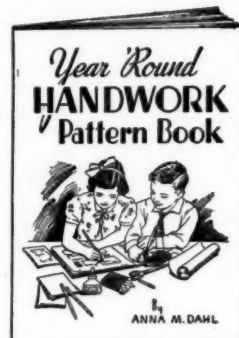
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